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SUPPLEMENTAL REISSUE DECLARATION

Sir:

I. Jose F. Nunez, declare that I am a citizen of the United States and a resident of St.

nthony, Minnesota, and:

I, Peter J. Schmitt, declare that I am a citizen of the United States and a resident of Garnerville, New York, and:

that we believe that we are the original and first inventors of the subject matter claimed in U.S. Patent No. 5,697,970 (hereinafter the '970 patent), entitled "Thinly Woven Flexible Graft";

that we have reviewed and understand the specification of the accompanying reissue application, including the claims;

that we believe that we are the original and first inventors of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a reissue patent is sought; and

that we acknowledge our duty to disclose to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office all information known to us to be material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. §1.56.

We further declare that we believe the above-identified original patent to be partly